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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing this letter today to make you aware of my feelings about the settlement that was reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice.

After three protracted years of trials, both sides came to an agreement on the antitrust suit, and I fully support the settlement.

The time has come for the United States to put that mess behind us, and turn our attention to more pressing issues. Microsoft had more restrictions than they deserved, such as disclosure of intellectual property concerning the Windows operating system, but the settlement is fair enough to both sides, and the government will create an independent review committee to make sure that Microsoft is holding up its end of the bargain. Microsoft has done so many good things for the technology industry, has provided jobs to thousands of individuals, and donated millions of dollars to charities and schools. Why punish a company that has been so beneficial to America?

I appreciate your time in accepting my opinion, and wish you the best.

Sincerely,

Patricia Cappiello